

REMARKS

This response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated August 12, 2003, and in accordance with the interview conducted on November 4, 2003. Claims 1, 19, 29, 32, 39 and 43 have been amended herein. A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith. A Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time to response to the Office Action is submitted herewith. A check in the amount of \$1,130.00 is submitted herewith to cover the cost of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and the three-month extension. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-1818 for any insufficiency or credit.

The Office Action rejected Claim 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Claim 29 has been amended to overcome this rejection.

The Office Action rejected:

- (a) Claims 1-18, 32-37, 39-41 and 43-48 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Cannon (U.S. 2002/0177483 A1) or Cannon et al. (U.S. 2002/0039923 A1);
- (b) Claims 19-29 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over either of the two Cannon publications;
- (c) Claim 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over either of the Cannon publications and in view of Vazquez (U.S. Patent No. 4,695,053);
- (d) Claim 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over either of the Cannon publications in view of the Take Your Pick reference; and
- (e) Claim 42 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over either of the Cannon publications in view of Weiss (U.S. Patent No. 6,309,299).

It is respectfully submitted that the claims have been amended to patentably distinguish over these references. Specifically, all the claims have been amended such that the tournament is selected by the player from a plurality of different tournaments. The claims have also been amended to further define how the payable accounts for the outcomes.

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An earnest endeavor has been made to place this application in condition for formal allowance and in the absence of more pertinent art such action is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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